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**INQUIRY INTO ADEQUACY OF WATER STORAGES IN
NSW**

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To the members of the parliamentary inquiry into water storage adequacy

The focus for this inquiry should not be on the construction of dams. I believe that other options should be considered first and that dams should be a last resort. In support of this proposition I make the following points:

- * Water saving measures have broad community support and are less expensive
- * Recycling water for industrial use should be encouraged through price gearing and taxation relief
- * Dams have a high impact on native vegetation and fauna and dislocate communities who are forcibly removed to facilitate construction
- * Dams are expensive and represent 1950s planning & technology
- * Water saving measures have proved highly successful in managing water consumption. Sydney is a prime example.
- * Constructing more dams is contrary to the Water Management Act 2000
- * Rivers in NSW are threatened and most are under moderate to severe strain. We simply cannot dam every river.

Thank you for giving this submission your attention and consideration.

Ken Kneipp

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